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AMENDMENT

Sir

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2007 (the "Office Action"), in which a three (3) month shortened period for reply is October 10, 2007, and a THREE month extension of time, requested herein, is January 10, 2008, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks:

Please cancel claims 29-34, 37-45, 47, 48, 52, 54, 55, 58, 63 and 64; and amend claims 53, 56, 62, 65 and 67 accordingly.